Disinvestment of SCI

4805. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to disinvestment their stake in Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);

(b) if so, the percentage of stake to be disinvested;

(c) whether the employees of the Corporation are against the disinvestment;

(d) whether the value of shares has been evaluated; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Govemment have decided to disinvest 51% Govemment equity out of 80.12% in Shipping Corporation of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Disinvestment Commission

4806. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has constituted the Disinvestment Commission;

(b) if so, the main purposes of this Commission;

(c) to what extent this Commission considers the interest of workers; employees and other stakeholders in public sector units; and

(d) to what extent its recommendations are given due consideration for disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission has been reconstituted on 24.7.2001. The broad terms of reference of the Commission are as follows:—

(i) It shall be an advisory body and its role and function would be to advise the Govemment on Disinvestment in those public sector units that are referred to it by the Govemment.

(ii) It shall also advise the Govemment on any other matter relating to disinvestment as may specifically be referred to it by the Govemment, and also carry out any such other activities relating to disinvestment as may be assigned to it by the Govemment.

(iii) In making its recommendations, it will also take into consideration the interest of workers, employees and other stakeholders, in the public sector unit (s).

(iv) The final decision on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission will vest with the Govemment.

(c) and (d) The Disinvestment Commission is an advisory body consisting of renowned professionals and the recommendation of the Commission are carefully considered by the Govemment for implementation. The Govemment is committed to the protection of the interest of the workers / employees and all aspects are considered before the decision is taken on disinvestment in any Public Sector Undertaking on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission. At the time of disinvestment through strategic sale, adequate provisions for protecting the interests of the employees are made in the transaction agreements.

Violence against women

4807. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a U.N. report released on 15th January, 2001 pointing out that violence against women was a "high growth sector" and nearly 74 per cent crimes were against women;